

## **UNDERWATER STRUCTURE EXCAVATION PROTECTION**

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Description. This work shall include all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the protection of any excavations in water that may be needed for construction at the locations shown on the plans and as required by the Specifications. The protection may consist of diverting the water for the excavation by the uses of timbers, sheet piling, approved granular embankment material or other structural elements adequate to support the excavation and need not be watertight. All concrete placement below the waterline shall be tremied underwater into forms according to Article 503.08 of the Standard Specifications. Tremied concrete shall be placed to an elevation 300 mm (1 ft) above the water level at the time of construction.

The Contractor's plan for the subject protection must be approved by the Engineer before excavation protection and construction may begin. Any system selected by the Contractor in which safe design and construction requires that loads and stresses be computed and the size and strength of parts determined by mathematical calculations based upon scientific principles and engineering data shall be prepared and sealed by an Illinois Licensed Structural Engineer. When the excavation protection is no longer required, it shall be removed unless otherwise specified by the Engineer. All materials removed will become the property of the Contractor.

Basis of Payment. Excavation protection for structures will be paid for at the contract unit price each, for UNDERWATER STRUCTURE EXCAVATION PROTECTION at the locations specified.